



FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1906.

THE CHURCH of today is realizing that it has been brought face to face with serious conditions in civilized countries (erroneously termed Christian) in which the authenticity of the book of books is being questioned more and more as the years roll on. The problem as to the most practical procedure in order to bring about the conversion of the nations is gradually becoming secondary when it is seen that unbelief in the scriptures is often openly affirmed by professors in colleges as well as by some who are paid to preach the gospel. The Presbyterian General Assembly now in session in Greenville, S. C., seems to be aware of the fact that the church should awake to its duty of "contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints." The retiring moderator, Rev. J. T. Plunkett, in his sermon yesterday, among other things said:

Our age on its spiritual side is an age of doubt. This doubting spirit is keenly intellectual, nobly artistic, splendidly humane. I confess that in my limited study in this field I have become confused. Prof. Edwin Bissell speaks for me, touching the whole subject. He says: "We have seen one scheme of the origin and structure of Genesis and its companion books give place in quick succession to another until it would seem the very limit of possible combinations has been reached, and we are left in confusion amid the wrangling of the schools. What can be the effect of certain kinds of criticism on the trustworthiness of Scripture? There can be but one answer. Its credibility is gone. Trustworthiness cannot for one minute be associated in a sane mind with myth, legend, falsified history, deliberate forgery, partisan purposes. If these conclusions of the critics are true, then, instead of building on the impregnable rock of holy scripture, we are building upon the mists of mere myth and the fancies and falsehoods of fiction and forgery."

So it would seem that we are living in an age when attempts are being made to induce others (the heathen) to credit what many in so-called Christian nations refuse to believe themselves. There is much work still for the Christian Church at home.

STOPPING just short of branding the President directly and by name as a liar, Senator Bailey, in another scathing speech yesterday closed the controversy over his part in the rate bill negotiations, after presenting to the Senate the now-famous Chandler memorandum with a letter from the ex-Senator and extracts from his diary demonstrating conclusively that there had been nothing in any communication from Chandler to the President warranting the White House charge that Bailey was playing false. In addition to the direct testimony of Chandler the facts disclosed by the document he submitted and other facts cited by the Texas Senator made a strong chain of circumstantial evidence, proving that the President and his representatives showed no suspicion of Mr. Bailey's entire good faith for at least three weeks after the receipt of the Chandler memorandum informing the President the use the railroad Senators were trying to make of the Bailey amendments. Senator Bailey analyzed the facts and the newspaper publications relating to his alleged treachery in a way that carried directly home to the President himself the origination of the slanderous newspaper stories. The Senator did not directly charge the President with the offense, but he left no doubt on the mind of any who heard him that he believed the President to be the guilty party. Neither was there any doubt that he meant for the President the impassioned words with which he closed his speech: "When a man falsely accuses me, no matter where I may be, I will brand across his brow the word 'liar,' so that in after years all men may know him for [what he is and all honest men may shun him]." The country is indeed humiliated when its chief executive places himself in such a position as to be so pilloried in the national Senate.

THE TRUTH of the saying that times change and people change with them is ever being made apparent. A dispatch from London published in yesterday's Gazette said that the disestablishment of the Church of England is imminent. There is consequently no little stir among ecclesiastics who see an ominous cloud rising. It is said that a bill to separate church and State would pass the House of Commons, but that it would be killed in the House of Lords, in which event the cabinet would resign and an election be ordered on that issue. It is believed that the House of Commons would be sustained by a popular vote. The union of church and State is a cherished English bulwark, and has been for many years. But nothing seems sacred to many in this day. Solomon says: "Whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him"—a figure of speech which is supposed to apply to iconoclasts, or those who attempt to abolish time-honored in-

stitutions. It may prove so with those who are bent upon divorcing church and State in old England.

BUT few people understand or appreciate how the protective tariff has fostered trusts and combines, which control the price of the commodities they manufacture. Of the 237 principal combines and associations formed to advance and keep up prices, 168 are directly protected, by the tariff, although there are 206 trusts more or less protected with a capitalization of \$5,571,616-168. For nearly two years the present tariff law has protected these trusts and allowed them to plunder the people. The republican party is pledged to continue this protection to the trusts, although many republican voters are demanding tariff revision, but the present Congress, like former ones, refuses to allow any bill looking to reducing the tariff to be even considered. The only plan for those republicans who believe the tariff should be revised is to vote for democratic candidates for Congress and for the legislatures that will elect United States Senators.

THE Baltimore Sun was sixty-nine years old yesterday, the first number having appeared on the 17th day of May, 1837. The Sun was the pioneer one-cent paper, and from its start it became popular. It gained at the beginning of its career the public confidence which it has enjoyed ever since. It has always been one of the best papers published, and as its years increase it grows better and more acceptable to its many readers.

SOLDIERS on guard at the United States sub-treasury building in San Francisco say they had an exciting fray with would-be looters, who, the soldiers also say, they saw in the building. After being shot at the men, it is further said, mysteriously disappeared. Soldiers on guard at treasury buildings should be relieved from duty just as soon as they begin having pipe dreams.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Washington, May 18.
The consideration of the case of Reed Smoot, of Utah, before the Senate committee on privileges and elections, has been postponed until Monday. At the last meeting of the committee it was agreed that a final session should be held today and that a vote should be had as to the character of the report to be made to the Senate. The extension of the railroad debate in the Senate and the latter's determination to meet each day at eleven o'clock is the avowed reason for the delay, it being pointed out that it is impossible to secure the undivided attention of members of the committee, under these circumstances. The belief is growing among the anti-Smoot Senators on the committee that the whole case will go over for decision at the next session of Congress.

Senator Tillman in charge of the railroad rate bill, says that so far as he knew, the only speech yet to come is one by Mr. Teller. The latter says that his remarks will be very brief. On the republican side it is announced to the intention to make no reply to Mr. Rayner and to press the bill to a final vote today.

It is reported that within the next few weeks a speech will be delivered on the floor of the House intended to formally launch a boom for Speaker Cannon as the next President.

A Strange Case.

In furtherance of his inquiry into the case of Rev. Charles Stuart Bain, who is in the county jail at Waterloo, N. Y., on a charge of having set fire to the First Baptist Church of Waterloo, March 6 last, and who claims that at times he is under an influence against which he has no power of resistance, District Attorney Bodine yesterday was advised by the warden of the Illinois State prison, at Joliet, that one Charles S. Bain, alias C. W. Wilson, became a prisoner in that institution October, 1896, on a commitment from Kane county, charging embezzlement.

The prisoner, who was No. 5162, was paroled April 19, 1898, and was given his final discharge May 23, 1899. Mr. Bodine states that a photograph of Rev. Mr. Bain, which was sent to Joliet, has been returned, with the statement of the warden to the effect that it is undoubtedly a picture of the former Illinois prisoner.

The District Attorney also stated last night that he had received a letter saying Mr. Bain was tried at Converse, Ind., in 1903 by an ecclesiastical court, on a charge of lying and conduct unbecoming a minister, and that he was dismissed from the Presbyterian ministry as a result of the trial.

Mr. Bodine has received many letters in connection with the case, some from former neighbors of Mr. Bain, who testify to the fact that at times the man undoubtedly was under some strange spell, and that while under the influence he acted out of all accord with his general mode of life.

Vice President in Alabama.
Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—Vice President Fairbanks arrived in Birmingham, Ala., at 7:45 this morning, as a fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He was met at the Union Station by a large delegation of leading citizens and special committees named by Conference, Commercial Club, Board of Trade, Scottish Rite Masons, and the citizens' committee. The Vice President is stopping at the residence of Col. F. G. Bush, president of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company, where he spent the morning until time to address the conference. An immense crowd of citizens heard his address which was delivered at the First Methodist Church, the largest church auditorium in the city. Mr. Fairbanks is accompanied to Birmingham by Mrs. Fairbanks.

After fourteen years of imprisonment, Alexander Berkman, the man who shot and injured Henry C. Frick in his private office on Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, on July 23, 1892 was released from the workhouse of Allegheny county, Pa., today.

At the Hotel Gerard, New York, this morning, it was said that Mrs. Jefferson Davis's condition was unchanged.

News of the Day.

The Reformed Episcopal Church Council in Philadelphia yesterday refused to seat three women delegates.

Options are being secured on a number of tracts of land on South Mountain, Washington county, Md., where copper in paying quantities and traces of gold have been found.

Bishop G. W. Clifton at the opening of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Conference in Carlisle, Pa., yesterday said: "I admonish the ministers of this Conference to abstain from the use of tobacco in any form. It is a menace to good manners and morals. I have no faith in the man who cannot leave off the habit. I regard him incapable of self-control." The Bishop was sustained in his utterances by a large majority of those present, who loudly said "Amen."

Gutters Ran With Wine.

The gutters literally ran red with wine and other intoxicating liquors yesterday evening in the immediate vicinity of Henderson Castle, the picturesque home of former United States Senator John R. Henderson, of Missouri, on the heights overlooking Washington at Sixteenth street and Florida avenue. Hundreds of cobbles bottles containing wines of rare old vintage, imported whiskies and brandies, cordials and other beverages galore, the entire contents of the Henderson wine cellar, valued at more than \$1,000, were smashed and the contents allowed to flow through the nearby gutters to the sewer.

The destruction of the wine was accompanied by ceremonies and several interesting incidents. Those who wrought the destruction by permission of Mrs. Henderson, who stood smugly by while it was accomplished, were men and women, members of the Independent Order of Rechabites, headed by High Chief Ruler Wayne W. Cordell. A long line of Rechabites, members of John B. Henderson Tent and Onward Ladies' Tent, carrying at the head of the column an American flag, invaded the castle on the hill like knights of old, and were soon in full possession of the premises. The castle was brilliantly illuminated for the occasion.

After the guests had assembled Mrs. Henderson, wearing the white and gold regalia of Onward Tent, of which she is a member, was presented to the assembly by High Chief Ruler Cordell. She made a short address in which she said the contents of the cellar had been a burden upon her mind.

After the bottle-smashing Mrs. Henderson entertained her fellow-Rechabites, to the number of over a hundred, in the castle.

Three Bishops Named.

At Birmingham, Ala., yesterday, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South elected three bishops.

Dr. John J. Tigert, secretary of the conference, was named on the first ballot; Dr. Seth Ward, of Texas, on the third; and Dr. Joseph Atkins, Sunday-school editor of the conference, on the twelfth.

Dr. Tigert at once resigned as secretary of the conference, and Assistant Secretary A. F. Watkins was elected secretary.

A resolution extending greetings to the Southern Presbyterian Assembly, in session at Greenville, S. C., was adopted. The matter of church members being connected in any way or degree with the work of State dispensaries was also discussed, but no formal resolutions were passed upon the subject.

Writ of Error.

A writ of error and supersedeas has been granted by the Court of Appeals in the case of the Pennsylvania and Potomac Railroad Companies vs. James C. Smith trading as James C. Smith, agent. The bond was fixed at \$750, and the case is from the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. In the lower court Mr. Smith sued for \$669.45 and secured a verdict for \$500, without interest. The case involves the shipment and alleged delay in the delivery of several carloads of scrap iron and steel from Richmond to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Messrs. John B. Welsh and Allen G. Collins represent Mr. Smith and Mr. J. Jordan Leake, of this city, and Colonel Francis L. Smith, of Alexandria, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Pennsylvania roads respectively. —[Richmond Times Dispatch.

Man and a Boy Perish.

News was received in Roanoke, Va., yesterday of a fire at Rock Creek, three miles from Allisois, Pulaski county, which resulted in the death of Sherman Montgomery, 25 years old, and Lewis Gallimore, 12 years old. They worked at Shilpton's sawmill and occupied a small shanty near the mill, around which was stacked lumber and considerable lumber and trash. A barrel of oil was near the shanty, and it is supposed that during the night the fire from the engine made its way through the trash and, reaching the oil, started the blaze that was so rapid and fierce that the man and boy sleeping in the shanty were overcome without warning. The engine, mill, sheds and truck were destroyed, and it was not until late in the morning that anyone discovered that there had been a fire. Montgomery leaves a wife and two small children.

Virginia Red Men.

The Great Council of Virginia, improved Order of Red Men which was in convention at Portsmouth, yesterday, elected the following officers and representatives to the Great Council of the United States: Great sachem, Charles Burkett, of Manchester; great senior sagamore, J. T. Sharpley, of Greenbackville; great junior sagamore, E. S. Rice, of Heathsville; great prophet, J. W. Brown, of Petersburg; great chief of records, Cornelius S. Wells, of Manchester; great keeper of wampum, H. A. Southall, of Lynchburg; representatives to the Great Council of the United States, Charles L. Phillips, of Richmond; S. S. See, of Roanoke; W. W. Brown, of Petersburg; great trustee, William P. Cousins, of Norfolk.

For a painful burn there is nothing like DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. There are a host of imitations of the Witch Hazel Salve on the market—see that you get the genuine. Sold by W. F. Crighton & Co., 401 King St.

The Market.

Georgetown, May 18.—Wheat 75c 3/8.

Virginia News.

The funeral directors in second day's session, in Richmond yesterday elected the following officers: H. D. Oliver, of Norfolk, president; and these vice presidents in the order named: W. E. Rouse, Newport News; M. W. Stevens, Pulaski; W. J. Morrisette, Manchester; F. P. Stealy, Clifton Forge, and Frank C. Reese, Hampton.

At Rockville, Md., yesterday Rev. S. R. White married three couples, all from Virginia. They were William Walker and Miss Fanny Shortt, both of Fairfax county; James Alfred Knight and Miss Mary Sprouse, both of Rockingham county; Robert Elmer Muesell, of St. Paul, Minn., and Miss Mabel St. Clair Murphy, of Culpeper.

Dr. Henry Lee Cabell died late Wednesday night at the Memorial Hospital in Winchester, aged 78 years. Dr. Cabell was the son of Patrick Henry Cabell, of Lynchburg, and was born in that city. For many years he had been a leading physician of Warren county. He served as a private in the war with Mexico, and was the adjutant of a home guard regiment of Nelson county in the Confederate army.

Insane Patients Were Tortured.

At Williamsburg yesterday the legislative committee investigating the affairs of the Eastern Asylum called E. P. Proctor to the stand, at the request of Texas Clowes, for the purpose of corroborating the evidence put forward by him yesterday. Mr. Proctor was an attendant at the asylum at the time Dr. Williams held the position of interne.

Hestated that Dr. Foster went through the wards once a month and burnt his patients with caustic. He had known as many as 20 burnt in one ward in one day. He said that the pain occasioned by this treatment was horrible. Mr. Proctor also told of electric treatment. A tapering needle was applied to a powerful battery, the other sponge of the battery being placed on the pit of the patient's stomach. The agony resulting was horrible. Straitjackets were used to a great extent when Mr. Proctor was attendant.

The witness stated that Dr. Foster was very quick to dismiss attendants who were cruel to the patients. Mr. Proctor knew nothing of Dr. Foster ducking patients. Dr. Williams used this method of discipline very often. He said that he had never seen drunkenness in the wards among the attendants.

P. T. Powell, Jr., stated that after being burnt the patients were compelled to walk two miles in the morning and two miles in the afternoon. When they returned from these walks their clothing would be bloody from the irritation. Much of the burning was done as a punishment. Mr. Powell stated that Dr. Williams liked the electric treatment so much that he took the battery about with him on his daily rounds.

Col. Lawless, counsel for Dr. Foster, in speaking to a witness, referred to Mr. Clowes as "That creature." The matter has created a tremendous sensation. There was at one time a probability that there would be a personal difficulty. Colonel Lawless says that if anybody wants to seek a difficulty he can find it.

Peters Clowes, a son of Texas Clowes, who is said to have killed his man, has taken the matter up. Colonel Lawless has notified the committee that he will take proper steps to defend himself. Texas Clowes states that there will be no difficulty. He says the entire matter is the result of politics.

Princess Rna's Wedding Invited.

Princess Henry of Battenberg invited a large company to Kensington Palace yesterday to inspect the hundreds of lovely wedding presents given to her daughter Rna. The gifts were arranged on long tables around a large reception room. The jewels were shown in glass top cases. Princess Henry and Princess Eua conducted their guests around and pointed out the most interesting things.

The present from King Edward and Queen Alexandra are a turquoise and diamond necklace and pendant earrings. Former Empress Eugenie has given a diamond tiara.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, a diamond ornament.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, a necklace of pink pearls and diamonds.

Many other royal personages have given jewelry.

Ambassador Whitlaw Reid and Mrs. Reid gave a large silver salver.

Lord Mountstephen, a diamond bow and pendant.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh, a silver bowl.

William Waldorf Astor, a crystal box bearing the letter E in diamonds.

Sir Thomas Lipton, a pinnales.

Thirty-three aristocratic ladies have given King Alfonso a marble bust of Princess Eua.

Say Tunnel Is Sinking.

It came out yesterday at the meeting of the Rapid Transit Commission, under a charge made by Mayor McClellan, that the subway tunnel to Brooklyn had sunk two feet in some places, and that the roof had fallen so low that it would be impossible to run trains through the great bore.

Engineer Rice, of the commission, maintains that the sinking is of little consequence, and that a short delay only will be caused. But the mayor, quoting Engineer Jacobs, in charge of the Pennsylvania tunnel under the North river, maintains that the deformation of the tunnel, as it is called, has taken place over a stretch of 1,200 feet, and that two or three years will be required to make the repairs. It is even possible that it will be necessary to rebuild more than a quarter of a mile of the structure.

Three Hanged.

Three men are to pay the penalty of crime by hanging in Virginia today. Charles Woodruff and Tom Jones killed Wiley Jones during a drunken row last Christmas and the verdict was murder in the first degree. No interference has been attempted and the execution will occur at Independence, Grayson county.

Governor Swanson announced yesterday that he would grant no further reprieve in the case of Robert Booker, colored, who killed Charles Brown, another negro, and was sentenced to hang May 18. The Governor has notified the officers of Prince Edward that he does not feel justified in further interference and Booker will hang today.

Episcopal Council.

One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Session.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The council convened at 3:40 p. m. The election of diocesan committees was first in order. The old standing committee was re-elected. The executive committee of the diocesan missionary society was elected with the following new names inserted: Revs. W. C. Latane for the Rappahannock River convocation; J. W. Ware, for the Piedmont convocation; W. D. Smith for the Valley convocation and the Rev. Robt W. Forsyth D. D. for the Richmond convocation. The Revs. W. B. Lee and E. B. Burwell were elected on the committee on Colonial Churches to take the places of the Rev. S. S. Hepburn, removed from the diocese, and of the Rev. C. J. Holt deceased. The other committees were elected.

The Rev. Jao H. Dickinson then presented the report of the committee on Parochial Reports of which the following synopsis is given: Baptisms 977; confirmations—white 688, colored 14, total 702; communicants, 12,891. Sunday schools—Officers and teachers, 1,071; scholars, 10,179; Sunday school offerings, \$7,454.60. Woman's Auxiliary—Members, 1,820; offerings, \$5,687.94. Junior Auxiliary—Members, 901; offerings, \$2,019.63. Brotherhood of St. Andrew—Members, 402; offerings, \$266.66. Total value of church property, \$1,421,005. This includes churches and rectories. Total parochial contributions, \$287,850.97.

The question of the acceptance of the report of the committee on the revision of the canons was resumed at this point in accordance with the resolution of the Council. The discussion was continued on Judge Wallace's amendment to Canon VIII of the contingent fund for diocesan expenses which preserves the old method of raising this fund on the basis of one dollar from each communicant. This amendment was carried after the ayes and noes were called by an overwhelming vote of the laity in its favor.

The consideration of other canons continued until the hour of adjournment when the committee rose to resume its duties on the morrow.

The meeting held at 8 o'clock last night was in the interest of diocesan missions. The bishop presided and addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Watawa, Sakakihara of Japan and John C. Meem of Brazil.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Divine service was held at 9:15 a. m. It was in charge of the rector of the church assisted by the Rev. John J. Gravatt. There was no sermon. The council then assembled for business, when Mr. H. C. Marchant presented the report on clerical support. It contained the following interesting statistics: Number of churches reporting 64, number paying salaries in full and having rectories 43, paying salaries but having no rectories 12, churches reporting deficit in salary 1, number reporting excess in salary 3. Congratulations were extended the diocese on this excellent showing.

The Rev. Angus Crawford D. D., presented an interesting report from the committee on the increase of the ministry pointing out the need of more young men presenting themselves and indicating some of the troubles incident to bringing the matter before the people. The committee recommended at least one service in the year on this subject.

Rev. J. J. Clifton presented the report of the Widows and Orphans' Fund. Mr. R. W. Hilleary, of Warrenton, presented an invitation to the council to meet next May at St. James' Church, Warrenton. This was unanimously adopted.

Rev. J. G. Downman offered the report of the special committee on assistance in supporting the rector of the church in Blacksburg, as so many students from the bounds of the diocese of Virginia attend the Virginia Polytechnic Institute which is situated within the limits of the diocese of Southern Virginia. The committee recommended the appointment of a special committee to take the matter in hand.

There was a substitute offered for this by the Rev. E. L. Goodwin that the Diocesan Missionary Society be empowered to make an apportionment for this object. As unanimous consent is required for this, and not being given, the matter went over.

The committee then went into committee of the whole with Judge J. M. White in the chair so as to resume the consideration of the report of the committee on the revision of the canons. There was much discussion on section 3 of canon XV with reference to the qualifications of vestrymen. The old canon carried on to the body of new canons is retained which allows others than communicants to be elected as vestrymen. The Rev. H. B. Lee offered an amendment requiring that baptism only be the religious qualification for a person to be eligible for election to a vestry, while Professor Masie brought in a substitute for this that only communicants be eligible for election to this office. After a long and interesting discussion the vote was taken on Prof. Masie's amendment requiring a person to be a communicant before he can be eligible for election as vestryman. This was lost by a vote of ayes and noes, clergy, ayes 25, noes 30; laity, ayes 6, noes 28. The amendment was accordingly lost. A rising vote was taken on the Rev. H. B. Lee's amendment making baptism the requirement for eligibility to election on a vestry and this amendment was carried by a large majority.

The rest of the revised canons were adopted by the committee of the whole with slight verbal changes, and the committee rose when the council resumed its proceedings and accepted the report of the committee on the canons as amended by the committee of the whole. The thanks of the council were accorded to the committee for their arduous, important and successful work.

The revised canons as now adopted are a great improvement in logical order, arrangement, and many things pertaining to their contents over the old canons a notable advancement in the legislation of the diocese. The council then adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

The service tonight will be for the Daughters of the King, an organization of ladies in the Episcopal Church, corresponding to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the same church. The services will be conducted by the rector, Rev. P. P. Phillips, with addresses by Archdeacons Moncreuf and Tyler.

The greater part of the work of the council is now done and most of the delegates will leave for their homes this evening and tonight.

Suicide of Insurance Cashier.
Montclair, N. J., May 18.—Oscar Voute, who for many years had been cashier of the New York Life Insurance Company, committed suicide in his home here this morning by putting a bullet through his head. Voute was 65 years old.

Today's Telegraphic News

Attempted Murder and Suicide.

Boston, May 18.—George M. Dewolf, 18 years old, of Cambridge, fired a shot at Lillian Parks, otherwise known as Lillian Thorgood, aged 17, of Allston, at 12:30 this morning on the street in Cambridgeport. The girl escaped injury by the fact that the bullet from Dewolf's revolver struck a locket that was attached to a chain about her neck. Dewolf immediately after firing at the girl, shot himself in the head. He died at the Cambridge Hospital about 3 o'clock this morning. The young man had been paying attention to the girl for some time. Dewolf and Miss Parks attended a dance in the new bank building in Central Square last night. There they had an argument which resulted in Dewolf leaving the hall. Soon after midnight the girl left the hall with some friends. Dewolf met them and asked Miss Parks to allow him to accompany her home to Allston. She refused and the shooting followed.

Marine Disaster.

Port Said, Egypt, May 18.—The British torpedo boat No. 56 capsized last night off Port Said and seven men were drowned.

London, May 18.—Two marine disasters were posted at Lloyds this morning. The German mail steamer Roon, bound from Hamburg for Yokohama, Japan, has been wrecked near Okino Shima, Japan. The passengers and members of the crew are safe. The Roon was a vessel of 5,034 tons net register, and sailed from Hamburg on March 29. She was last reported at Colombo, on April 28. The British bark Pitcairn Island, bound from Wellington, New Zealand, for London, was destroyed by fire in the Pacific ocean. Nine members of her crew are missing. The Pitcairn Island was a vessel of 1,300 tons net register, and was commanded by Captain Olsen. She sailed from Wellington on March 19.

Statement of First Vice President.

Philadelphia, May 18.—The following statement was issued this morning by Captain John P. Green, first vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, over his personal signature: "The recent developments at the hearing in progress before the Interstate Commerce Commission in this city in regard to the ownership of stocks in coal companies located on its lines, the officers and employees of the company, and the acceptance of gratuities by its employees, were a surprise to the management, and while it is not believed that these have caused injustice to the public or the company, the facts with respect thereto will be thoroughly investigated and no owners or practice calculated in any manner to affect the full and impartial discharge of the duty owed by the company and its employees to the public, will be tolerated."

Burned to Death.

London, May 18.—Several persons were burned to death in a fire at Stratford, near London, at six o'clock this morning. The small house was occupied by a family of seven named Hennell, and a family of eight, named Fraser. All the members of the Fraser family escaped, but before the firemen could rescue the Hennells the father, mother, three daughters, aged five, eight, and ten years, and the grandmother were dead. A twelve year old son was the only member of the family saved. The fire burned with the greatest rapidity, beating back desperate attempts of the fire men to enter the house. The rescue of the son was conducted with the greatest heroism. A fireman rushed into the burning structure and dashed up a flight of stairs, grabbed the boy and dropped him from a window. The fireman then jumped himself.

Bound and Robbed.

New York, May 18.—Richard R. Sinclair, son of Mrs. Katherine Sinclair, a woman of large means, who has a summer home at Sea Gate, was found bound and gagged and beaten on Surf avenue, just outside of Sea Gate, at dawn today, after thugs had robbed him of \$665. Young Sinclair was discovered by the motorman of a passing trolley car, after he had rolled himself a hundred yards, with his hands bound behind him, his legs tied, and his mouth gagged, from a ditch into which the robbers had thrown him. Young Sinclair was on his way home when he was attacked.

Thirteen Persons Killed by Lightning.

Vienna May 18.—During a thunderstorm at Koniekan, Austrian-Silesia, today, 13 persons were killed and 22 others were injured while sheltering under the clock tower. A bolt of lightning struck the tower, and then leaped through the crowd, leaving dead and injured in its path. Damage to the extent of about \$40,000 was caused by hail stones in the same parish during the storm.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis.

New York May 18.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis passed a very comfortable night. She slept soundly and awoke feeling better and stronger. Her daughter Mrs. Hayes, who is constantly in attendance at the Hotel Gerard, said this morning to a reporter, of the Publishers Press, that there was a marked improvement in the condition of her mother this morning over that of yesterday, and she felt confident of a speedy recovery.

Quiet in Coeymans.

Coeymans, N. Y., May 18.—Since the appearance of the troops here there has been no disorder of consequence among the striking brick yard employees. The manufacturers met last night and decided to grant all of the strikers demands except that recognizing the union. The men so far have refused the manufacturers' proposition, but a settlement is believed to be near.

Salaries for Members of Reichstag.

Berlin, May 18.—Kaiser William has assented to the bill providing for paying salaries to members of the Reichstag. The Bundesrath and Reichstag have already passed the measure so that it now becomes effective. Hereafter the deputies will receive an annual salary of \$750, and will be furnished with passage on all German railroads.

Made Happy for Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Albans, Vt., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he had named. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus Dance, which yielded to no treatment but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure. Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drug store. Price 50c.

Sensational Evidence.

Philadelphia, May 10.—Again this morning did the search-light of investigation directed by the Interstate Commerce Commission probe deep into the private deals of the railroad superintendents who are heavy stockholders in coal mining companies.

Beyond the fact of learning that C. J. Cleaves, superintendent of the Cambria & Clearfield Railroad, was the holder of 250 shares in a mining firm, Mr. Glasgow, counsel for the commission, did little else with the first witness to take the stand this morning.

When F. L. Sheppard, General Superintendent